

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
2 COUNTY OF FRESNO
3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 **RESOLUTION NO. 20-272**

5 **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING AND RECOGNIZES)**
6 **THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6-12, 2020 AS NATIONAL)**
7 **SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK, AND SEPTEMBER 2020)**
8 **AS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH)**

9 **WHEREAS,** The week of September 6-12, 2020 is National Suicide Prevention Week, and
10 September 2020 is National Suicide Prevention Month, when millions of people around the world join their
11 voices to share a message of hope and healing; and

12 **WHEREAS,** These observances are united in raising awareness that suicide is preventable. In
13 these challenging times messages of hope and healing are needed more than ever. Fresno County
14 residents should be able to access high quality education, prevention, intervention, postvention, and
15 support treatment services that lead to recovery and a healthy lifestyle; and

16 **WHEREAS,** Every day in Fresno County people access suicide prevention resources provided
17 by Fresno County to support them on their road to wellness and recovery. Resiliency begins early in life
18 within families, day cares, and schools, and can be strengthened and reinforced throughout the life span
19 and wellness encompass the whole individual, including mind, body, spirit, and community. Striving for
20 Zero, California's Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention urges all Californians to play a role in suicide
21 prevention and promoting health and wellness; and

22 **WHEREAS,** The benefits of preventing and overcoming mental health challenges, suicide
23 attempts and loss, and substance abuse are significant and valuable to individuals, families, and our
24 community at large. It is essential that we educate residents about suicide risks, signs, resources and the
25 ways they affect all people in the community; and

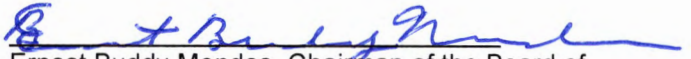
26 **WHEREAS,** Encouraging relatives, friends, co-workers, and providers to recognize the signs of a
27 problem, and guide those in need to appropriate services and supports and demonstrating that speaking
28 up and asking for help is not a weakness; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Month inspires millions of Americans to raise awareness, build
resiliency, and find hope.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby
proclaims and recognizes the week of September 6-12, 2020 as National Suicide Prevention Week, and
September 2020 as National Suicide Prevention Month: "Finding Hope, Building Resiliency, Supporting
Recovery" throughout the world and in the community of Fresno.

1 **THE FOREGOING**, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
2 the County of Fresno this 1st day of September, 2020, to-wit:

3 AYES: Supervisors, Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
4 NOES: None
5 ABSENT: None
6 ABSTAINED: None

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Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

8 ATTEST:
9 BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

10 By Susan Bishop
11 Deputy